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Sir :

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims and rejections of record in view of the following amendments and comments. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end January 19, 2009 (January 17, 2009 falling on a Saturday), no fee is believed necessary. However, the Office is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this Amendment.